

bureaucrats purged in Kabul

KABUL, May 8 (R). — Afghanistan's new left-wing government has launched an extensive purge of top civil servants and members of the dynasty which ruled the country for more than a century, well-informed sources say. About 60 Foreign Ministry officials have been asked and most ambassadors have been asked to leave their posts overseas, the sources said. The Interior Ministry and the armed forces were also dramatically affected by the purge of the Mohammad Zai clan, which ruled Afghanistan for some 130 years, the sources said. The Interior Ministry controlled the paramilitary police force and the security and intelligence services which are being completely overhauled.

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Home made bomb explodes in Israeli bus near Dead Sea

JERUSALEM, May 8 (R). — A small home-made, explosive charge caused slight damage to an empty bus today near Masada on the shore of the Dead Sea, police said. There were no casualties. Police today also said they had found the site from which a Katyusha rocket was fired into the Jewish sector of Jerusalem on Saturday. They said an extensive search of the region north of Jerusalem revealed a rocket launcher in the hills near Shufat to the north of the city. The rocket landed in a courtyard, breaking windows but causing no casualties.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

Egyptian cabinet shuffled

May 8 (R). — Egyptian Minister Mamdouh reshuffled his cabinet to face discontent over mounting prices deteriorating public services there were no startling changes.

Salem, in a brief statement, said the reshuffle was to "face Egypt's economic problems and find solutions to them." He added that the Ministry of Supply had been made responsible for supervising fair distribution of food supplies and planning.

Key ministries dealing with domestic affairs were under new ministers or directors for greater efficiency, the four deputy premiers were dropped, and not re-



British Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen and his visiting Israeli counterpart Gen. Moshe Dayan sit together during their talks in London on Monday. (AP wirephoto)

Kissinger approves U.S. plane sales to Arabs, urges more F-15s for Israel

WASHINGTON, May 8 (R). — Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger today urged approval of President Carter's proposed sale of military planes to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Israel, but he said the Israelis should get more aircraft than Mr. Carter had requested. He told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee the number of aircraft to be sold to Egypt and Saudi Arabia was appropriate, but Israel should get an increase to take into account the sales to Arab countries.

"To turn down any part of the package could have serious foreign policy consequences," Dr. Kissinger said.

Regretted

Dr. Kissinger said he regretted that the sale of aircraft

to Israel had been linked with the Arab sales and said the numbers of aircraft for Israel were "at the very lowest end of the spectrum." He recommended that Congress ask the Carter administration to submit new proposals for Israel, taking into account the fact that when the Israeli sales were originally discussed they did not provide for the arming of Arab countries by the United States. He said the number of Israeli F-15s should be equal to those being sold to Arab countries and the number of F-16s should be increased by mutual agreement.

The former secretary of state also said limitations should be worked out on the deployment and equipping of the Saudi F-15s to ensure that they were used defensively. Yesterday Senator Frank Church, ranking democrat on the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, urged President Carter to compromise on his controversial proposal to sell advanced warplanes to Saudi Arabia in order to avoid a bruising, showdown vote in Congress.

NO LINKAGE BETWEEN PLANES AND OIL, SAYS YAMANI

TAIF, Saudi Arabia, May 8 (AP). — Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Saudi oil minister, said Sunday that there was no direct "linkage" between his nation's oil policy and the planned sale of 60 F-15 fighter jets to Saudi Arabia by the United States. But he said it would be "naive" to think that a refusal by the Americans to sell the jets would not have a long-range effect on general U.S.-Saudi relations. "How much cooperation we give will depend on how much cooperation we get," he said.

Mr. Church said he thought the vote on Mr. Carter's plan could go either way. "Why have a showdown?" Mr. Church asked on the Columbia Broadcasting system's "Face the Nation" television programme. "How can it serve the national interest to force this to a showdown in the congress. A debate will be bruising on Saudi sensitivities, it will arouse new suspicions on the side of the Israelis, it will be an impediment to peace in the Middle East," he said.

of the 22-member Arab League Council, was asked by the League last March to reconcile Arab differences and convene an Arab summit to restore solidarity. He said last week that relations between Egypt and five hard-line Arab countries would first have to be restored. President Nimeiri's press secretary, Mohammad Mahgoub Soliman, indicated in a statement to the press yesterday that differences still existed between Egypt and its Arab critics. But he said of the visits to Damascus and Baghdad: "The points of agreement far exceed those of disagreement." Syrian President Hafez Assad was quoted in an interview with the Abu Dhabi newspaper Al Wahda today as calling on Egypt to end all direct contacts with Israel.

Sadat sees no obstacles to Arab reconciliation summit meeting

ANDRIA, Egypt, May 8 (R). — President Anwar Sadat today said Egypt was ready to meet an Arab reconciliation summit and that he expected to stand in its

peace initiative and admit its failure. No objections

The Egyptian leader only last week said peace moves would continue, but today he told reporters who asked him whether there were obstacles to the conference: "I don't expect (there to be), especially after President Nimeiri's tour."

He added: "We have no objections either to the date or the venue."

Asked about the outcome of President Nimeiri's talks in Damascus and Baghdad, Mr. Sadat said it was up to the Sudanese leader to reply to this question. Gen. Nimeiri declined to comment. The Sudanese leader, whose country is current Chairman

Sadat was speaking to a group of Arab leaders after a 90-minute meeting with President Jaafar of Sudan. Sudanese leader had visited Syria and an effort to convene a summit of Arab leaders split. Mr. Sadat's peace overture. Nimeiri said last week that the conference would be held within eight weeks. He said Khartoum as its state-run radio said today that before a summit could be held it must renounce his

Arabs protest to Waldheim at delay in Israeli withdrawal from S. Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, May 8 (R). — Ambassador Abdalla Bishara of Kuwait, acting on behalf of the Arab group, today expressed concern to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim that Israeli Forces had not yet completely withdrawn from southern Lebanon. A U.N. spokesman said the meeting with Mr. Bishara, a member of the Security Council, took place at the Kuwaiti envoy's request.

Following their latest partial withdrawal on April 30, Israeli troops still hold about 35 per cent of the Lebanese territory they occupied in march in a drive against Palestinian guerrilla bases. The Security Council on March 19 called on Israel to withdraw its forces forthwith. Israel has said it will complete its pull-out as soon as the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) is able to take over to prevent the return of guerrillas to the south. In a progress report on the U.N. force published today, Mr. Waldheim said that, as of May 5, it numbered just over 4,000. The council on May 3 approved an increase in UNIFIL's strength to 6,000.

The report said the situation remained stable in the central and western sectors but that tension had significantly increased in the Tyre area. This was the scene of a number of incidents last week which took the lives of two French soldiers and one Senegalese serving with UNIFIL. A Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) liaison officer was also killed and about a dozen French soldiers, including the French contingent commander, were wounded. In his report, Mr. Waldheim again appealed to all governments and other parties to extend all possible support and cooperation to UNIFIL. A footnote said it had been

difficult, and in many cases impossible, for UNIFIL to identify the armed elements involved in the incidents. "The non-UNIFIL armed elements in the Tyre area are associated with a variety of Lebanese and Palestinian factions," it said. Meanwhile in Damascus PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Syrian President Hafez Assad reviewed the general Arab situation as well as the situation in Lebanon, official sources said. The meeting was attended by Mr. Salah Khalaf, Mr. Mohammad Ghoneim and Mr. Khaleel Al Hassan, members of the central committee of Fatah, the major guerrilla movement.

The sources said the talks covered Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri's Arab tour which he so far took him to Egypt, Syria and Iraq in an attempt to heal the Arab rift following Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's controversial trip to Jerusalem last November.

UNIFIL moves HQ to negotiate, Dayan tells London meeting

TYRE, Lebanon, May 8 (R). — United Nations peace-keeping troops in Lebanon today completed a move of headquarters 50 kms. south from the Zahranai oil terminal to a post near the border with Israel. The move from the terminal compound near the port of Sidon to Nakoura, only 4 kms. from the border, followed a number of incidents involving U.N. personnel. Among them, U.N. sources said, was the disappearance for several days last week of Colin Rodker, a British civilian communications expert attached to the U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO). Mr. Rodker, who later reported to an UNTSO post at Nakoura, disappeared on Tuesday -- the day U.N. troops clashed with leftist guerrillas in southern Lebanon. There were no indications, meanwhile, that French troops deployed in Tyre were leaving following last week's clash. Press reports published here today quoted French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud as saying in an interview with Europe one radio last night that the troops would soon be transferred as part of UNIFIL's redeployment and "placed in a situation less difficult than Tyre."

LONDON, May 8 (R). — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan held talks with British ministers here today on possible next moves in the stalled Egyptian-Israeli peace dialogue. He first met Foreign Secretary David Owen and later called on Prime Minister James Callaghan to review prospects for an Arab-Israeli settlement, British officials said.

Mr. Dayan came here yesterday specially to address a meeting celebrating the 30th anniversary of Israel's foundation. He told some 15,000 people at the meeting that if the Arabs did not want to discuss peace, Israel would have to continue the way it had for three decades. Mr. Dayan accused the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) of wanting to destroy Israel. He said that when Egyptian President Sadat came to Jerusalem in November last with his peace initiative, "we offered him more than anybody ever thought we would." But, Mr. Dayan added: "What is happening now is that Sadat and Egypt do not want to negotiate with us."

Mr. Dayan's talks here are in the light of the discussions he and Prime Minister Menachem Begin have just had in Washington with the Carter administration. Mr. Dayan in his speech last night said: "We are still saying: let us sit down at the table and work out the differences between Egypt and Israel. The problems of demilitarisation and land settlement - these are the problems that can be solved." Before leaving Tel Aviv for London and Scandinavia yesterday, Mr. Dayan said Israel was waiting to hear whether Egypt agreed to resume Middle East peace talks on substantive matters. The Israeli-Egyptian talks were broken off early this year over failure to reach agreement on a statement of principles in which Cairo was calling for Israel's full withdrawal from Arab territories captured in the 1967 war and over the question of self-determination for the Palestinians. Dr. Owen and his wife today gave an official luncheon for the Israeli foreign minister and Mrs. Dayan.

The guests included: Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Liberal Party spokesman on foreign affairs; Lord Carrington, leader of the Conservative (opposition) Party in the House of Lords and Mr. Harold Lever, Labour cabinet minister specialising in oil and international economic issues.

World News Roundup ...

Somali guerrillas claim 42 Ethiopians killed

DISHU, Somalia, May 8 (AP). — Somali guerrillas fighting them Ethiopia reportedly killed 42 Ethiopian soldiers in an ambush in Shabelle Province, a rebel news bulletin claimed. It said guerrillas of the Somali National Front the attack between the villages of Xaga-Suuto and Gaa-bat but no date for the incident was given and the report could not be confirmed independently.

Angola offers to train anti-South African fighters

LOANDE, Yugoslavia, May 8 (AP). — Ethiopia has offered to Angolan soldiers to fight against South Africa. He offered Angola other unspecified aid, the Yugoslav Tanis agency reported from Addis Ababa today. The Ethiopian editorially condemned "the brutal aggression of the Vorster's racist forces on Angola" and said Ethiopia has under "the obligation to train fighters for freedom in South and offer other facilities."

Holland rules to deport guerrilla

THE HAGUE, May 8 (R). — Holland ruled today that a West African urban guerrilla convicted of murder could be extradited to his native country -- but only on condition that he is not

tried for the kidnapping of industrialist Hannu-Martin Schleyer. The Dutch supreme court ruled that the kidnapping contained one element that was a political offence under Dutch law -- an attempt to blackmail the West German government into freeing 11 fellow guerrillas from jail.

Iranian professor stabbed

TEHRAN, May 8 (R). — Six students stabbed and seriously wounded a senior university teacher here today following attempts to stir unrest on the campus, an official said. The dean of the Arts faculty at Tehran University, Professor Ezzatollah Negahban, was recovering from surgery in hospital tonight after the early morning attack outside his office, authoritative sources said.

Chinese look West for technology

PARIS, May 8 (R). — Chinese leaders now touring Western Europe are shopping for industrial complexes and advanced armaments which French officials say could be worth billions of dollars. Chinese Vice-Premier Ku Mu and a 20 member delegation are spending 10 days in France inspecting industrial installations and later intend to visit Switzerland, Denmark and West Germany. Today they saw a newly-completed nuclear power station in the Rhosne valley and tomorrow will visit the French engineering company which builds nuclear reactors. Another Chinese delegation is currently visiting Britain and a military mission toured France to inspect warplanes, helicopters and missiles.

Another official shot as search for Moro continues in Italy

ROME, May 8 (R). — A senior health official was shot in the leg in Milan today as police hunted for former Premier Aldo Moro and political leaders awaited the next move of Mr. Moro's Red Brigades kidnappers. The Red Brigades announced on Friday they were carrying out their threat to kill their hostage, but they kept silent over the weekend. There was no indication whether they were involved in today's shooting in Milan in which two gunmen, one of them masked, fired three shots at Professor Diego Fava, 52, as he arrived for work at Italy's National Health Insurance Institute (INAM).

Hit twice

He was hit twice in the left leg and his assailants fled in a waiting car, police said. It was the 18th leg-wounding incident in Italy this year. The Red Brigades claimed responsibility for two other acts of violence involving employees of the Sit-Siemens electrical company in Milan -- a leg-shooting last Thursday and the destruction of a car this morning. A Red Brigades statement left in a telephone box said the leg-shooting victim, executive Umberto Degli Innocenti, was a "dirty individual who merited the nickname of Mussolini."

The Red Brigades set off a fire bomb under the car of Raimieri Hermes, a militant of the moderate Communist Party, and said he was campaigning at Sit-Siemens "against the revolutionary vanguard and the workers' movement." Meanwhile thousands of police continued their hunt for Mr. Moro in Rome, the Umbria

hills north of the capital and the northern port of Genoa. In Rome, hundreds of police hunted through several districts including the area near the railway terminus and university where many students live. They said they were searching for extreme leftists who had disappeared.

Israel's new chief of staff, Lt.-Gen. Raphael Eytan, asked about the Eastern Front during a recent interview, said, "ever since the Yom Kippur war, this front has perhaps become the most dangerous one for Israel."

Israeli chief of staff sees Eastern Front as dangerous

East: The Syrians and Iraqis armed by the Soviet Union, Jordan with tough bedouin fighters and western equipment including U.S. Hawk missiles. "In my view," the military chief said, "we must also include Saudi Arabia on this front. We must not ignore that country's military potential, which is in fact unlimited -- because it is today capable of purchasing, establishing or manufacturing anything it wants, with no restrictions."

High pay

Eytan judged Iraq's army as stronger than Syria's and said Saudi Arabia could overcome its manpower shortage easily by offering high pay to Palestinians or other Arabs. Iraq would quickly forget its dispute with Syria in the event of war with Israel, Eytan said.

The Israeli air force, in past wars, has attacked Jordan, Syria and Iraq, but Saudi Arabia previously was not regarded as a confrontation state even though it contributed a few troops in 1948, 1967 and 1973, and it has been spared the attention of Israeli bombers.

But Israel's estimate of the situation has changed, as Defence Minister Ezer Weizman said in a recent speech: "Ever since we started in 1948, our air force has had priority targets -- for bombing Egypt, Libya ... we never had such targets in Saudi Arabia, because its wealth is all east of the Gulf and we had no reason to attack them."

"But now there is the Tabuk air base, about 180 miles from Ellat ... why is it there? not to defend Saudi Arabia, but to be able to take part in a battle against Israel. So why should the United States sell them the most sophisticated war toys while we are in the middle of peace negotiations?"

The thought of an Israeli air attack on Saudi Arabia must cause endless worry throughout the oil-consuming industrialised world, but Israelis have not shrunk from mentioning the possibility.

The former chief of staff, retired Lt.-Gen. Mordechai Gur, said last weekend in the United States: "Once the Saudis have the F-15, we will have to put them on the map as a target."

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Wisdom from Saudi Arabia

The signals and suggestions that are going back and forth between Saudi Arabian and American officials, primarily through the news media, should be pondered closely by more than just the Saudis and the Americans, because what is taking place in the case of the proposed sale of American jet fighter planes to Saudi Arabia is potentially far more important than a simple bilateral deal.

The Saudis are too cautious and too polite to "threaten" the Americans with retaliatory action if the plane sale is blocked for some reason. It is primarily the misleading propaganda of the Zionist forces in the Western world that tries to picture the Saudis and the Arabs as being ready to raise oil prices or cut back oil production as a retaliatory act against the U.S. This is sheer nonsense. The Saudis would be hurting themselves more than anyone else if they dared venture into an economic and political confrontation with the United States, and they know it very well.

But as Oil Minister Yamani and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Feisal have both said, rejection of the American plane sale to Saudi Arabia would give the Saudis reason to think over their long-term relationships with the United States. This is not a threat. It is a statement of rational, long-term thought, not unlike statements Jimmy Carter makes about America's long-term plans if, say, the Russians don't pull a few thousand tanks out of East Europe.

Jordan was in a similar situation vis-a-vis the United States a few years ago when it wanted to buy Hawk missiles. That deal was finally approved after some rather undecorous debate in the Congress, similar to the equally undecorous debate now taking place about the sale of planes to the Saudis. If getting essential defensive weapons from the United States is a process that is not worth the trouble of getting through, and there are other sources of arms, then the United States will have to anticipate the day when too many narrow-minded senators are going to cause some of America's staunchest friends to start looking elsewhere for arms, and cars, and planes, and power stations and washing machines. This is not a threat, and the Jordanians and Saudi Arabians are the last people in the world who would go around threatening the United States. But it is an accurate statement of potential contingencies, and the Saudi Arabians are to be applauded for making that statement loud and clear.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Following the sudden improvement in American-Israeli relations, the Israeli government has unabashedly unveiled its expansionist plans and aggressive intentions without any regard for the nation of more than 100 million Arabs, AL RA' said in its editorial Monday.

The newspaper says that following the militant statements by the Israeli deputy defence minister and chief of staff and the policy statement by the Israeli foreign minister, Israeli Premier Menachem Begin has reiterated his government's right to settle in the West Bank, and declared that it has no intention to stop settling up settlements even during negotiations with Egypt.

It has become obvious, the newspaper adds, that Israel is not only not interested in peace, but has opened "new geographic avenues to carry out its aggressive and expansionist policies on the pretext of the narrowness of Israel's strategic depth facing the eastern front."

Washington has said its final word. The Arabs have lost hope of waiting for the "miracle of American pressure" on Israel to make it change its aggressive attitude built on its swelling military power.

"These daily realities which are a fierce slap in the face of our nation prompt us to question the usefulness of attaching any hope to unilateral peace negotiations with Israel at a time when Israel is thinking of launching a new aggression against the Arab World," AL RA' says.

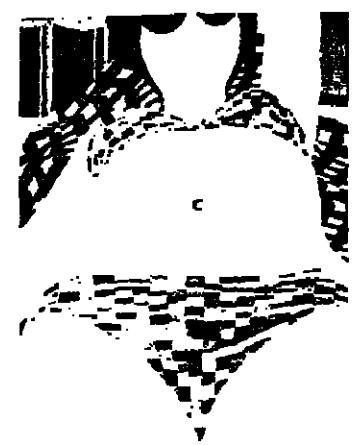
On the same theme, AL DUSTOUR asserts that Israel's stand has not changed and will never change... Menachem Begin's attack on the U.S. president's proposals, which the Americans hold to be part of their foreign policy, means that no real American pressure on Israel had been exercised.

If there was any pressure, it was applied by Israel on the American administration, the newspaper says.

Israel will only change its position when the forces aligned against it from within the area of conflict force it to do so -- Arab forces that would reduce Israel to its natural size and "put the United States before the difficult choice between pursuing its interests in a wealthy and strategically important Arab region or maintaining its suspicious links with the Zionist entity implanted in the region's side with the bayonets and dollars of the United States."

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West German artists offer "something for everyone" exhibition at Goethe Institute



A typical painting by Uwe Nickel who works in brilliant colours.

By Ian Kellas
 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 8. — Hagenring is the name of a group of West German artists who all come from the Westphalian town of Hagen. Twenty seven of them have contributed works to an exhibition showing this week at the Goethe Institute.

It is a something-for-everyone exhibition, with works ranging from wild abstracts to painstaking academic drawings of rural scenes.

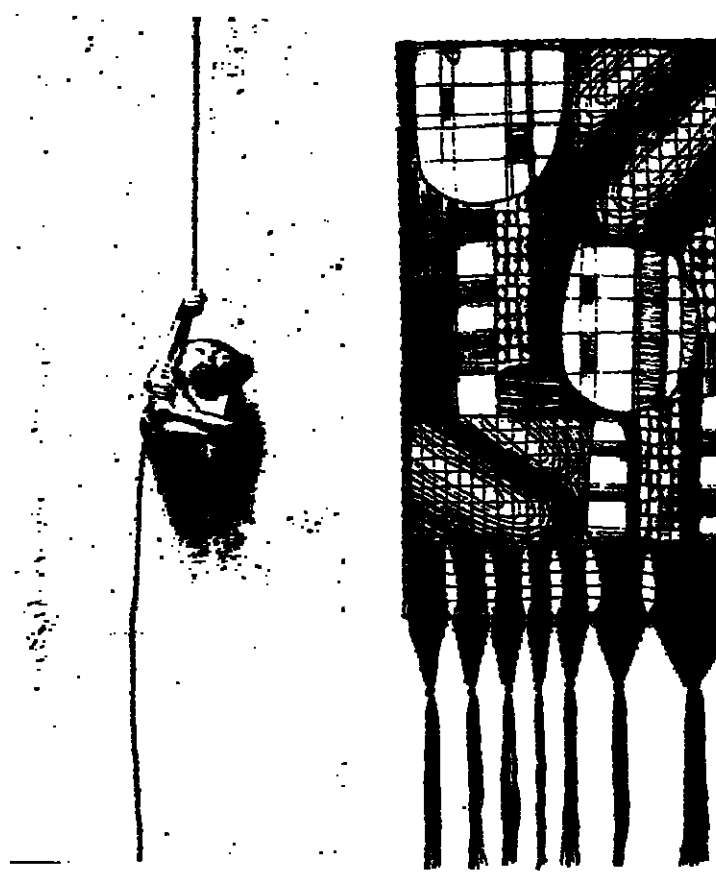
Uwe Nickel exhibits his brilliantly coloured paintings -- in which he describes people solely by the patterns and colours with which they surround

themselves -- next to the works of Karl Georg Krafft. Mr. Krafft specialises, it seems, in tiny little views of skies and towers painted in water colour on wet paper.

There are collages and tex-

tiles and even a couple of photos on show as well.

The exhibition will continue until Monday 15 and is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Paul Drucke creator of this sculpture, is represented in the exhibition by some attractive little collages.

Hildegard Gerhardt, experiments in the art of stretching thin gauze into patterns.



Unlike this untitled painting, most of Alfred Birschein's works on show at the Goethe Institute are impressionistic scenes of wooded countryside.

National News Roundup

Premier Badran tells NCC of Jordan's foreign policies

AMMAN, May 8 (JNA). — The National Consultative Council held a secret session this morning to hear a statement by the government on its foreign policy. The meeting was chaired by the President of the council Ahmad Al Lawzi. Premier and foreign minister Mudar Badran, introduced a two-hour political statement in which he reviewed Jordan's latest moves and its aims as well as the outcome of recent contacts with Arab states. Later the prime minister answered several questions from the floor. The council will hold a special session next Monday to debate the government statement.

Jordan's non-resident ambassador to N. Yemen presents credentials

AMMAN, May 8 (JNA). — Jordan's ambassador in Sana'a, Saleh Al Share', has presented his credentials to the President of the Command Council, Ahmad Al Ghashmi, as non-resident ambassador to North Yemen.

Health warning: Don't buy food from street vendors!

AMMAN, May 8 (JNA). — Five people were taken ill in Amman today because of food-poisoning, a source at the municipality said today. According to the source, they had eaten local cheese bought from street vendors. The municipal authorities call on citizens not to buy any food from such vendors because they are not subject to health control measures the source added. Inspection teams will be launching campaigns to check that food for sale throughout Amman is safe to eat.

Jordan marks Red Crescent, Red Cross Day

AMMAN, May 8 (JNA). — Jordan celebrated International Red Crescent and Red Cross Day today. The main event was a charity bazaar at Sukaina Girls School in Amman. The proceeds will go to the Queen Alia Fund for Social Work. There was also a performance of plays, folklore dances and songs attended by the director of education in the Balqa governorate, directors of schools in the capital and the vice president of the Red Crescent Association. Also, in schools throughout the country speeches on the important role of the associations were read.

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Dentists denounce Israeli occupation of south Lebanon

AMMAN, May 8 (JNA). — The 18th session of the board of the Federation of Arab Dentists ended a four-day meeting here Sunday. Recommendations adopted in the final session included condemnation of the Israeli occupation of the south of Lebanon, the attempts for partial settlement of the Middle East issue and bilateral contacts with Israel. The participants called on the whole world to bring about a total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and to safeguard the rights of the Palestinian people. They also denounced attempts aiming at establishing an alternative homeland for the Palestinians, and called for assistance to be extended to the citizens of the occupied territories to help them counter Israeli measures aimed at changing the existing Jordanian laws and legislature and creating Zionist settlements on Arab land.

Mohammad Ali Budeir to represent Jordan at Arab trade meet in Jeddah

AMMAN, May 8 (JT). — The President of the Jordanian Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mohammad Ali Budeir, will lead a five-man delegation to the meetings of the Arab Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture due to start in Jeddah on May 13, a source at the chamber of commerce here said Sunday. During the meetings the participants will discuss productivity of Arab economic institutions, inter-Arab economic cooperation, the transfer of Arab capital and the feasibility of establishing an Arab Import and Export Bank. The participants will also hear a report on the problems facing the Arab economy and developments in economic co-operation among Arab states, the Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Maher Al Ja'ou-ni said.

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King Hussein impresses need for improving public services at meeting with ministers

AMMAN, May 8 (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein this afternoon chaired the ministers council session at which the standard of public services in the Kingdom was discussed. The discussion followed His Majesty's recent tour of the south.

King Hussein briefed the ministers on the services in the regions he had inspected and his assessment of the standard of those services. The King stressed the fact that water, health, agricultural services, schools, housing and mosque projects in far away regions

must be completed as soon as possible.

He also pointed out that government officials must follow up projects by going on inspection tours. He affirmed that officials must be in continuous contact with the people and their needs.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran expressed the government's awareness of its duties and its eagerness to carry out His Majesty's instructions.

The session was also attended by Chief of the Royal Court, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf.

Arabic poetess accused of hitting security man

JERUSALEM, May 8 (R). — An Arabic poetess and journalist released from administrative

hitting a security official.

Mrs. Rimonda Tawil, a resident of Ramallah on the West Bank, said she had been informed by police she should call at the military government offices to receive a summons for hitting a security man during a demonstration two months ago against Israel's invasion of south Lebanon.

She was detained shortly after the demonstration and held without trial until yesterday.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The Goethe Institute is showing an exhibition of art by the Hagenring group from West Germany. The exhibition is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and runs until May 15.

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The works consist generally of the construction of approximately 18 km. of roads and streets within 14 villages and the construction of portable water distribution networks with appurtenant structures for 12 villages located within an 80 kms. strip of the East Bank of the Jordan Valley. The provision of the pipes, fittings, meters and valves for potable water distribution works is not included in this tender; these materials will be provided by the employer at his stores in Deir Alla.

OPEC sets up 6-man body to plan strategy as prices frozen anew

TAIF, Saudi Arabia, May 8 (R). — A committee of six ministers will formulate the future strategy of the organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Ali Mohammad Jaidah, the organisation's Secretary General, said here last night. Mr. Jaidah told reporters at the end of an informal two-day meeting here of OPEC's 13 oil ministers, which took the decision, that the committee would report to the full ministerial conference, which would continue to be OPEC's supreme body.

But he said it was clear that any recommendation which commanded the support of ministers from six of OPEC's major producers would be accepted by the others. The committee would comprise the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Venezuela, Algeria and Kuwait, he said. The six ministers have yet to set a date for their first meeting, but Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeb Abdul Karim told Reuters it was unlikely to be before the next formal ministerial conference scheduled for June 17 and 18 in Geneva. Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifeh Al Sabah said after the session the meeting was the most productive in its history. He told Reuters the agreement would allow OPEC to enter a new era in which it would play an increasingly powerful role in the world in a spirit of cooperation. He said he was confident that divergences over whether oil prices should be increased from July 1, would be overcome, with agreement on OPEC's long-term role overcoming any disagreement over short term policy.

Price problems Earlier during yesterday's meeting Saudi Arabia held out the prospect of a freeze in oil prices for the next three or four years. OPEC sources said the Saudis told their partners that market conditions would not justify an oil price rise at present but might do so in 1981 or 1982. Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, host at the informal talks between the 13 OPEC members, told fellow ministers that the current surplus in the world oil market was expected to persist until 1981 or 1982, the sources reported. They quoted him as saying that no price increases were conceivable before then. The sources said Sheikh Yamani gave a lengthy exposition of the reasons for Saudi Arabia's support of the U.S. dollar as the currency in which oil is priced. He was quoted as saying he belittled the dollar was already on the road to recovery. Many ministers at the Taif conference, which started on Saturday, were anxious about the erosion of the purchasing power of their oil revenues because of the dollar's recent decline. The sources said Sheikh Yamani argued that there was no suitable alternative to the dollar for oil pricing. His arguments were said to have been supported by Iran's OPEC delegate, Mohammad Yaganeh.

Americans' greatest worry is inflation

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP). — The prospect of an ever-rising cost of living is dimming Americans' hopes for the future. People now say inflation is by far the most important issue facing the country. And the public does not see President Jimmy Carter's largely voluntary programme to control inflation as having much hope for success.

In sum, the latest Associated Press-NBC (National Broadcasting Company) news poll found Americans deeply worried about the economic forces buffeting their lives and unsure just what -- if anything -- can be done to tame those forces. The survey, taken last week by telephone, came before the U.S. government revealed that wholesale prices jumped 1.3 per cent in April while unemployment dropped to 6 per cent.

Its lowest level in 3 1/2 years. The cost of living was named by 42 per cent of those interviewed as the most important problem facing the United States. Concern over inflation was highest among the poorest Americans -- those making less than \$ 5,000 a year -- and among what might be called the Middle Class -- those with family incomes from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Forty-three per cent of those interviewed said they expected the economy to get worse in the next year, with only 19 per cent expecting improvement. Thirty-five per cent expect it to stay about the same. The public's view represents quite a shift over the last few months. As recently as January, more Americans were optimistic than pessimistic about the economy's future. But since that time, almost one out of every five Americans' view of the economy has turned pessimistic.

U.S. report finds narrower gap 'twixt black, white wages

WASHINGTON, May 8 (Agencies) — American blacks have narrowed the wage gap with white workers in recent years but still have far to go to reach parity, according to a survey by the Rand Corporation. The non-government body said "black women had out-paced black men in achieving equality with 'persistent and dramatic strides' and by 1975 had brought their wages practically level with those of white women." Their menfolk made gradual but significant gains but their wages on the average were only three-quarters of those earned by white men. The researchers added that despite the gains, if the pace did not increase, it would take black youths now starting work some 30 to 40 years to catch up with whites. They attributed the gains to action programmes designed to get jobs for minorities and the elimination of domestic service as the main occupation of southern black women. Rand, based in Santa Monica, is a private, non-profit research centre that studies domestic and national security issues. The researchers said improved education was responsible for 47 per cent of the income gains by black men and 33 per cent of those by black women. The research found that black women had made considerable strides because of government minority hiring programmes, but it added that it could find little evidence black men had gained much from the programmes. "Because hiring a black woman met both race and sex quotas for employers, the affirmative action thrust may have given black women the advantage in the job market," it said. The studies, Race Differences in Earnings: A Survey and New Evidence and the Convergence to Racial Equality in Women's Wages, were based on an analysis of population surveys by the U.S. Census Bureau involving 320,000 people between 1968 and 1975.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

New York Yankees beat Texas Rangers after Chris Chambliss hits home run

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP). — Chris Chambliss hit his first home run of the season with one out in the 12th inning yesterday, giving the New York Yankees a 3-2 victory over the Texas Rangers behind Rick Gossage's spotless relief pitching. Chambliss slammed a 2-2 pitch off reliever Len Barker after 11 New York batters in a row had been retired by starter Dock Ellis and Barker. Gossage pitched four innings, walking four but striking out five. Ellis breezed through the first four New York batters but second baseman Bump Wills booted Chambliss' easy grounder and Graig Nettles followed with his third home run of the season for a 2-0 Yankee lead. After being held to a pair of singles by rookie Jim Beattie over the first five innings, the Rangers chased him in the sixth with a game-tying, two-run rally capped by Richie Zisk's RBI single. In other American League action, Fred Patek lashed three hits, scored twice and doubled in the go-ahead run in Kansas City's three-run sixth inning, rallying the Royals to an 8-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers. Mike Torrez fashioned his first complete-game victory with Boston and Jim Rice and Carl Yastrzemski belted two-run homers, leading the Red Sox to a 5-0 decision over the Chicago White Sox. Mike Cuddage, Rod Carew and Butch Wynegar knocked in ten runs among them as the Minnesota Twins cracked 18 hits and defeated the Baltimore Orioles 15-9. Milt Wilcox pitched a five-hitter and Jason Thompson and Alan Trammell blasted home runs as the Detroit Tigers beat the Oakland A's 4-0. Ron Jackson smashed four singles and drove in four runs and Don Baylor knocked in three with his eighth home run and added three singles to pace a 21-hit attack as the California Angels buried the Cleveland Indians 16-3. Bruce Bochte's two-out, two-run triple broke a 5-5 tie in the eighth inning and LeRoy Roberts followed with a two-run homer that gave him a club record six RBI as the Seattle Mariners downed the Toronto Blue Jays 9-7. In the National League, Omar Moreno, Frank Taveras and Bill Robinson stole two bases apiece as the Pittsburgh Pirates swiped eight bases in eight tries and defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-4. Greg Luzinski belted two home runs and Bob Boone and Richie Hebner hit one apiece as the Philadelphia Phillies survived a 16-hit New York attack and defeated the Mets 8-5. Vida Blue combined with two relief pitchers to stop Chicago on four hits and Willie McCovey drove in both San Francisco runs as the giants beat the Cubs 2-1. Garry Templeton's two-run single capped a four-run fifth inning that carried the St. Louis Cardinals to an 8-4 triumph over the San Diego Padres. Ellis Valentine's two-run homer capped a four-run third inning and Montreal added five runs in the seventh, three on a pair of throwing errors by reliever Dale Murray, as the Expos routed the Cincinnati Reds 19-5 in the first game of a doubleheader. The Reds won the second game 4-2 as Montreal third baseman Larry Parrish's sixth-inning error led to two Cincinnati runs. Rain postponed the Houston-Astoria game.

Baseball results and standings after Sunday's games:

AMERICAN LEAGUE:				
EAST:				
	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	17	6	.739	—
Boston	17	10	.630	2
New York	15	10	.600	3
Milwaukee	12	13	.480	6
Cleveland	10	14	.417	7 1/2
Baltimore	10	15	.400	8
Toronto	8	18	.308	10 1/2
WEST:				
Oakland	19	7	.731	—
California	17	9	.654	2
Kansas City	15	10	.600	3 1/2
Texas	11	12	.478	6 1/2
Seattle	11	20	.355	10 1/2
Minnesota	10	19	.345	10 1/2
Chicago	7	16	.304	14 1/2
Sunday's Games:				
Minnesota 15, Baltimore 9				
New York 3, Texas 2, 12 innings				
Boston 5, Chicago 0				
Kansas City 8, Milwaukee 6				
California 16, Cleveland 3				
Detroit 4, Oakland 0				
Seattle 9, Toronto 7				

NATIONAL LEAGUE:				
EAST:				
	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	14	8	.636	—
Montreal	14	10	.583	1
Pittsburgh	12	12	.500	3
Chicago	12	13	.480	3 1/2
St. Louis	12	14	.462	4
New York	11	17	.393	6
WEST:				
Los Angeles	16	10	.615	—
Cincinnati	16	11	.593	1
San Francisco	14	11	.560	1 1/2
Atlanta	10	15	.400	5 1/2
Houston	10	15	.400	5 1/2
San Diego	10	15	.400	5 1/2
Sunday's Games:				
Montreal 19-2, Cincinnati 5-4				
Philadelphia 8, New York 5				
Pittsburgh 6, Los Angeles 4				
St. Louis 8, San Diego 4				
Houston at Atlanta, postponed, rain.				

Turkish lira devalued

ANKARA, May 8 (R). — The value of the Turkish lira was lowered against eight European currencies yesterday by an average of about three per cent, but its rate against the dollar and sterling remained unchanged. Financial observers saw the adjustments, announced in the official Government Gazette and effective immediately, as reflecting the strength of European currencies against the dollar. On March 1, when the lira was last devalued, by 30 per cent against the dollar and by an average of about 33 per cent against European currencies, there was some criticism that the changes did not reflect the decline of the U.S. currency. Yesterday's changes lowered the value of the lira by almost five per cent against the French franc and nearly three per cent against the Swiss franc. But the drop against the mark, which is important for trade with West Germany and for remittances from Turkish migrant workers, was only of just under two per cent to a new price of 11.73. The main guideline for the lira has traditionally been the dollar, which has meant periodic changes in its value against European currencies.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

	1.8178/83	U.S. dollars
One sterling	2.0890/0905	West German marks
One dollar	2.2325/45	Dutch guilders
	1.9745/60	Swiss francs
	32.47/50	Belgian francs
	4.6270/6300	French francs
	868.60/869.10	Italian lire
	225.00/20	Japanese yen
	4.6310-30	Swedish crowns
	5.4185/4205	Norwegian crowns
	5.6770/90	Danish crowns

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Prices closed generally lower in light trading Monday, and at 15:00 hrs. the F.T. index was down 0.7 at 480.8. Government bonds fell by up to 3/8 on fears of a substantial increase in tomorrow's British monthly banking figures and a possible further rise in the minimum lending rate this week, dealers said. B.P. firmed by 26p to 850p against the trend among equities, following news of the placement of most of a 4.5 mln block of its shares. Gold shares closed mixed while Canadian and U.S. issues rose. Oil shares advanced in sympathy with BP and bank shares rose by up to 2p on the prospect of higher base rates. Gold price not received.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: There is likely to be a mysterious situation you are confronted with today, so make a point to examine all facts and figures in all your business dealings. Be alert to all activities.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have an important idea which needs more study and clarification before it can work successfully for you. Relax at home tonight.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A financial expert can give you money-saving advice if you contact this person early in the day. Don't neglect an important bill.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Take steps to improve your appearance so that you make a fine impression on others and gain your aims more easily.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You have fine creative ideas now and you should put them in operation without delay. Take no chances with the law.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Know what it is that associates expect of you and then do your best to please them. Show more devotion to the one you love.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Confer with a higher-up who can help you make the most of your abilities. Study all angles of a new project you have in mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make arrangements for a trip you have long wanted to take and which can bring excellent results. Put your affairs in fine order.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Discuss a controversial money matter quietly with an associate and reason will win out. Show others you have poise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study a civic matter well so that you fully understand it. Avoid an opponent who could give you trouble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Show others that you can do your work in an exact manner while under pressure. Take treatments to improve your health.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Make plans to engage in activities today that will give you the most pleasure and satisfaction. Strive for increased happiness.

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Soviet scientist claims new surgical method could make glasses, contact lenses obsolete

By Barton Reppert

MOSCOW, (AP). — A Soviet scientist has developed a method for surgical correction of eyesight that he says could make most eyeglasses and contact lenses obsolete within two decades.

"I think that in 20 years, we'll see all glasses in museums," says Professor Svyatoslav Fyodorov, describing his microsurgery technique. Only about ten per cent of current eyeglasses and contact lens wearers could not be helped by his new technique, Prof. Fyodorov says.

New technique

Prof. Fyodorov's method involves using tiny precision instruments -- with the aid of a microscope -- to cut fine scratches into the exterior surface of the cornea, the transparent tissue covering the front part of the eye. The delicate incisions slice

through fibers imbedded within the periphery of the cornea, thus softening the tissue. This, in turn, enables Prof. Fyodorov to alter the optical curvature of the entire part of the cornea, which is crucial to how well a person sees.

Prof. Fyodorov says that during the past three years he and an associate have performed more than 500 eye operations with the microsurgery technique -- virtually all of them showing "beautiful results."

"It's like a miracle," he said in an interview. "It's difficult for me to understand. Even after three years, I'm still surprised."

Variations of the microsurgery method have proven effective in treating some forms of farsightedness and astigmatism, he said.

Western ophthalmologists familiar with Prof. Fyodorov's work also have been surprised by his apparent successes. However, they have voiced

reservations of any wide-scale application pending more research of the longer-term effects.

U.S. reaction

"It's remarkable that (the procedure) does work," said Dr. Leo Bores of the Kresge Eye Institution in Detroit, Michigan. "The question is: Would you use it here on a routine basis? I think not."

Dr. Bores said he participated with Prof. Fyodorov in several of the microsurgery operations after meeting the Soviet eye specialist in Moscow in 1976.

Dr. Bores added that he himself was hoping to perform his first two such operations in Detroit by the end of this month.

In the United States, he said, the Fyodorov technique "holds promise for patients who cannot tolerate spectacles or contacts" -- for example, an actor who can't wear glasses on stage and is unwilling to adapt to contact lenses.

But nonetheless, Dr. Bores said in a telephone interview, American doctors would prefer that a patient use glasses or contacts.

"Any time you cut tissue you entail a risk," he said. "Why would you want to destroy the integrity of tissue if you don't have to?"

Dr. Bores said the main danger would be from infection of the surgical incisions in the cornea. Also, he said, there was the possibility that the corrective effect of the operation would eventually wear off, thus requiring further treatment.

"He's (Fyodorov) only been doing this for three years, and on that basis alone, American physicians are not going to stampede to the technique," Dr. Bores said.

Main patients

Prof. Fyodorov said that in addition to actors and actresses, persons coming to him

to seek surgical correction of their eyesight have included: — Young men wishing to become pilots and military officers.

— A steel worker afraid of losing his glasses while on a tall building project.

— A hunter who wanted to shoot more accurately.

— A young scientific specialist whose glasses kept frosting up when he worked outdoors in the Soviet far north.

Also, Prof. Fyodorov noted, personal vanity has prompted many unmarried young people in their 20's to request the treatment.

Discovery

Prof. Fyodorov, Director of Moscow's Scientific Research Laboratory of Experimental and Clinical Problems of Eye Surgery, said the microsurgery technique was discovered by accident in 1973.

A boy was brought to the laboratory's clinic after his glasses were shattered when he was hit in the face by another child. Once the glass fragments had been removed from the boy's eyes, Prof. Fyodorov explained, it was

found that a tiny shard had scratched one of the corneas in such a way that the eye regained full visual acuity.

Prof. Fyodorov and his associates first sought to simulate the same effect on rabbits, then began operating on humans the following year.

Prof. Fyodorov said that a patient is examined carefully for three to four years, to determine what degree of optical correction is needed, along with the thickness and other characteristics of the cornea.

Special tables are utilized to calculate the precise depth, length and position of the surgical scratches to be made on the eye.

The actual operation itself takes from three to seven minutes, using only a local anesthetic, according to Mr. Fyodorov. Patients feel some discomfort for a few days, but no bandages or medication are used.

In cases of mild to moderate nearsightedness, he said, most patients who previously had as little as five per cent visual acuity without correction gain at least 70 per cent visual acuity within one week after the operation.

Violence grows on Turkish campus

By Metin Munir

The Financial Times
Ankara Correspondent

ANKARA, (F.T.) — "Mummy, there is a Fascist in our class," announced my little daughter aged eight recently, upon her return from school.

Perhaps nothing illustrates better the extent to which Turkish schools have been politicized and the age group it has seeped down to.

Nobody has yet been killed or wounded in political violence in my daughter's primary school.

But elsewhere third form pupils of a primary school were reported in the press to have boycotted their lessons in order to get rid of their teacher, whose political views they did not share.

Escalating violence

Official statistics show that in an average week 130 fights occur in Turkish schools and universities in which 350 students are taken into police custody.

The number of politically-motivated cases of crime were about 6,800 in 1977, double those in 1976 and five times higher than 1975. In 1977 alone 215 people lost their lives in feuds between extreme left and rightwing factions.

The escalation of violence is continuing, with more than 120 people killed in the

first three months of this year. Political violence among Turkey's left and rightwing factions, in which university students are heavily involved, started in the late sixties, as a campaign against the outmoded education system and the U.S. presence in Turkey.

By 1971 it had turned into a guerrilla movement aimed at the overthrow of the government and it led to an army intervention. The extreme left was ruthlessly crushed.

Rightist revival

The restoration of the democratic system in 1973 saw the revival and organisation of the extreme right which was supported by Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel and his rightwing coalitions as a counter-balance against the extreme left.

The rightists were, and are, united under "Ulku Ocaklari" (The Idealists' Hearths), the youth branch of former Colonel Alpanshan Turkey's ultraright wing Nationalist Action Party. Mr. Turkes was Deputy Prime Minister in the Demirel coalition and his position helped his "Idealists", better

known as grey wolves or commandos, to infiltrate the bureaucracy and state institutions.

With both the left and right organised and armed the clash took on the proportions of a mini civil war. In Chicago gangster style hit and run murders many students lost their lives. Put simply, the left and right were engaged in a private war of attrition and to establish hegemony over campuses. Leftwingers would not be allowed into rightwing-dominated campuses or hostels or vice versa. There have been cases when such minority groups could only take exams under police escort.

All of this went on against a background of inflation ranging between 25 and 50 per cent, unemployment approaching three million people, rapid urbanisation and great social injustice.

Poor educational conditions

Turkish students have fallen prey to politics partly because they have little else to do and are basically an unhappy bunch. The education system is antiquated, books are inadequate and when available ex-

pensive and scholarships are low. Sexual relations between boys and girls are almost Victorian. Student quarters are generally speaking miserable and classrooms are vastly overcrowded. Only a small proportion of students who graduate from lycées can enter universities. Even a smaller percentage can look forward to good jobs upon graduation.

"I have spent 15 years of my life at schools," said a young university graduate, "and all I got was a diploma, nothing else, not even a job."

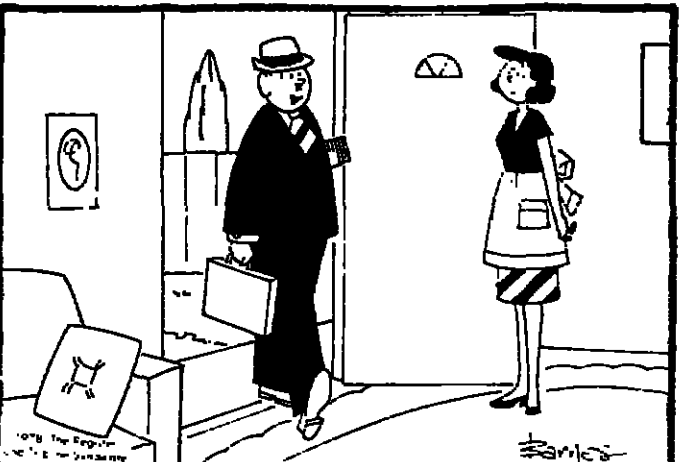
Many universities have lost countless school days in the past three years because they have had to shut themselves down to prevent bloodshed. One university in Ankara hardly ever opens.

Well-to-do parents have taken their children out of Turkish universities and sent them abroad. The rest worry. Recently violence has changed tactics, more sophisticated methods of bombing and murdering similar to those of the IRA provisionals are becoming common. More than 500 shops and homes were looted and destroyed in an Eastern Turkish town when a package bomb killed the rightwing mayor and three of his relatives.

This is undermining Turkey's democracy in general. To the stability of Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit's new left of centre administration it is a very real threat.

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THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



"Something sure smells good—that new neighbor next door must be some good cook!"

COORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOEN
AND OMAR SHARIF
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Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQJ1095 ♠A8 ♠A5 ♠AQ7
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 3NT Pass
?

What do you bid now?
A.—It is difficult to construct a hand on which partner could bid three no trump where a slam wouldn't be virtually a lay-down or, at worst, on a finesse. For instance, two kings and a queen in partner's hand might suffice. However, the slam should be played in spades, rather than no trump, because we might have to set up a card in partner's hand via a ruff.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A43 ♠KJ1072 ♠Q8 ♠KJ6
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A.—Simple arithmetic is all we need to arrive at the right spot. Partner has shown 18-20 points and we have 14, giving a combined holding of 32-34—just right for a small slam. Bid six no trump.

Q.3—North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQJ ♠6 ♠AKQ1092 ♠QJ6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♠ Dbic. Pass
?

What action do you take?
A.—While partner's double is for penalties and we hesitate to overrule partner on matters of this sort, this is not the type of hand to defend a one-level contract, especially since the penalty is unlikely to compensate for our almost certain vulnerable game. We would insist on game, and the way to get that message across to partner is to cue-bid two hearts. Three no trump is a likely resting place.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠83 ♠Q8652 ♠6 ♠K10954
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A.—You could not act at your first turn because you did not have the values to enter the auction. Now that partner has rebid in your five-card heart suit, your hand has improved enormously, and a bid of three hearts would be timorous in-

deed. We are all in favor of a full-blooded raise to four hearts.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠83 ♠Q865 ♠KJ85 ♠A43
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A.—You have a good fit for partner's second suit, but bear in mind that partner's hand is limited—he had other ways to reopen the bidding if he had a really strong hand. We just can't see your hand producing game because too much of your strength is in the opponent's suit, so we suggest you pass. A raise to three hearts would be invitational.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K872 ♠73 ♠K85 ♠A104
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A.—You have an awkward responding hand—too strong for two spades, not strong enough for three spades, and not distributional enough for four spades. You have to mark time with a bid, and the logical choice is two clubs. Naturally, you intend raising spades at your next turn.

Q.7—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K82 ♠Q1075 ♠K962 ♠A
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

A.—Since partner might still have a very good hand—up to 18 points—there is no good reason why you should unilaterally decide that one spade is the optimum contract. A bid of one no trump now describes both the shape and strength of your hand, so why not make it?

Q.8—As South vulnerable, you hold:
♠J76 ♠A5 ♠K854 ♠Q972
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♠ 4 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

A.—The bidding has developed nastily. You have a fair hand and no good way to show it. To bid four spades could expose your side to a huge penalty, yet to pass would be cowardly. The solution is to double. Partner should realize that you are bidding under pressure and that you are not likely to have a trump stack. If his hand is unsuitable, he can pull the double. If he leaves it in, you should do well—after all, your hand should produce at least two tricks on defense.



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Five Western powers try to get SWAPO to approve Namibia plan

UNITED NATIONS, May 8 (R). — Western nations begin crucial talks to win nationalist guerrilla backing for a Namibia (South West Africa) peace plan today in a mood of pessimism after South Africa's raid into Angola. Diplomats taking part in the long-planned talks acknowledged they faced no easy task in the wake of the military thrust into Angola against what Pretoria said were guerrilla bases of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO).

But the delegates of the U.S., Britain, France, West Germany and Canada said they would try to convince SWAPO President Sam Nujoma and his colleagues that their plan -- accepted by South Africa on April 25 -- was the best way of ending bloodshed in the mineral-rich territory and leading it to independence from Pretoria.

Western officials close to the discussions with SWAPO appeared more pessimistic than an optimistic about the prospects.

One diplomat rated the chance of success as probably less than 50-50. The South African raid, mounted from the territory, was seen as pro-

foundly influencing SWAPO's stance.

The plan calls for a cease-fire, a pull-out by all but 1,500 South African troops and U.N.-supervised elections leading to Namibia's independence, perhaps by the end of the year.

SWAPO leaders and the Western diplomats meet in the American U.N. Mission in New York.

All five Western powers joined the unanimous Security Council condemnation on Saturday of the South African raid.

The council demanded an immediate pull-out by the invading force and threatened punitive measures, possibly including sanctions, if South Africa violated Angolan territory again.

Pretoria rules Namibia under a League of Nations mandate torn up later by the U.N. General Assembly.

Its continued occupation of the huge territory -- twice the size of France -- is illegal as far as the U.N. is concerned.

One U.N. source said last week's raid showed the strength of South African forces and the vulnerability of the guerrillas -- even beyond Namibia's borders.

South Africa says its airborne strike destroyed SWAPO's two main camps, Angola says refugee camps were attacked deep inside its territory and that over 500 people,

including women and children, died.

SWAPO spokesman Peter Katjavvi said in a Lusaka statement yesterday the South Africans had attacked a "kindergarten-type settlement" populated by refugee women and children from Namibia near the Angolan town of Cassinga.

France's "public enemy no. 1" escapes from jail

PARIS, May 8 (R). — A French gangster described by police as "public enemy number one" escaped this morning from the top security wing of the main Paris prison.

Jacques Mesrine, 43, who once boasted he had killed 15 people in France and Canada, was serving 30 years for attempted murder, armed robbery and kidnapping, he is still wanted in Canada on a double murder charge.

Officials said Mesrine and two other prisoners climbed the wall of La Sante Prison in central Paris. Police shot and killed one of his accomplices but Mesrine and the other man escaped in a waiting car.

The officials said all three were armed with pistols. Last time Mesrine escaped -- kidnapping his trial judge -- po-

Democrats prefer Ted Kennedy as U.S. president in 1980

WASHINGTON, May 8 (R). — Pollsters who have been monitoring President Carter's declining popularity gave him another shock yesterday: a majority of Democrats would prefer Sen. Edward Kennedy in the 1980 presidential election. Democrats asked in Gallup Poll whom they would prefer if the 1980 party convention offered a choice between the two men gave Mr. Kennedy 53 percentage points and Mr. Carter 40. The remainder were undecided.

Mr. Kennedy was also the first choice when pitted against Mr. Carter and four other possible contenders for the Democratic nomination.

The order of preference was: Mr. Kennedy 36 per cent, Mr. Carter 29 per cent, California Gov. Jerry Brown 12 per cent, Vice President Walter Mondale eight per cent, Sen. Henry Jackson five per cent, Rep. Morris Udall three per cent.

Mr. Kennedy, whose brother President John Kennedy was assassinated in 1963 and brother Sen. Robert Kennedy was shot dead in 1968, has repeatedly stated that he would not be a candidate in the 1980 election.

Dutch court allows extradition of 3 guerrillas to W. Germany

THE HAGUE, May 8 (R). — The Dutch Supreme Court today cleared the way for the extradition to West Germany of three West German urban guerrillas, but made an important reservation in the case of one of them.

It said convicted murderer Knut Folkerts, 26, could not be extradited for offences connected with the kidnapping of industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer last September, ruling that this was a political crime.

But it left open the possibility that Folkerts could be sent back to West Germany to face trial on other charges, including suspicion of having taken part in the assassination of prosecutor Siegfried Buback in April last year.

The Supreme Court threw

out appeals against extradition by Gert Schneider, 29, and Christophe Wackemagel, 26, who were arrested in Amsterdam last November after a gunbattle in which both were wounded.

All three are wanted in West Germany for a variety of offences including membership of a terrorist organisation, and the Dutch justice minister will decide in the next few days whether to allow the extraditions to take place, officials said.

In their appeals, lawyers for the three West Germans asked the Supreme Court to rule out extradition because

of the political nature of the offences for which they are wanted in their own country. But in a hearing on April 3, Holland's advocate general argued before the court that to allow the guerrillas to claim political motives for their offences would open the door to a flood of similar appeals by common criminals.

Folkerts, a member of the Red Army Faction (RAF), was given 20-year prison sentence by a Utrecht court last December for murdering a Dutch policeman in a gunfight in September.

Wackemagel and Schneider have not been tried here.

Filipino volcano may erupt

MAYON VOLCANO, Philippines, May 8 (R). — Red hot lava edged down from the crater of this rumbling mountain today towards thousands of villagers ready to flee their homes if church bells signal a major eruption.

But at the base of the slopes of the country's most active volcano, farmers and their families went about their work despite clouds of smoke and steam overhead.

Workmen in a nearby town

of 40,000 people, Camalig, are urgently digging a canal to contain the molten lava flow, now more than half way down the volcano's 2,460-metre slopes.

Villages near the volcano have set up an early-warning system of gunfire and the tolling of church bells. Plans are ready to evacuate more than 10,000 people from their homes which could be threatened within a few kms. of Mayon.

HUA SLAMS U.S.

KOREA POLICY

HONG KONG, May 8 (R). — Chinese leader Hua Kuo-feng, on his first trip abroad, accused the United States of pursuing a policy of aggression and division in Korea when he addressed a mass rally yesterday in North Korea's capital of Pyongyang. North Korea's Central News Agency said Chairman Hua accused Washington and the South Korean government in Seoul of trying to perpetuate the division of Korea.

lice warned that he would not hesitate to kill.

Today was the third time Mesrine, nicknamed "Big Jack", had escaped. In August 1972 he fled from a Canadian prison where he was serving ten years for kidnapping a wealthy industrialist.

Canadian police believe he killed two foresters who tried to stop him after that escape.

He is believed to have travelled through the United States and South America before returning home to France early in 1973.

Mesrine was arrested in March of that year for a series of bank robberies but made a dramatic courtroom escape three months later.

Mesrine, using a revolver hidden in a lavatory by an ac-

complice, took the trial judge hostage, shot and wounded a policeman and escaped in a waiting car before fleeing the judge in northern Paris. He was recaptured in September 1973 and sentenced to 20 years jail in May last year.

While in jail he wrote a book about his life entitled "L'Instinct de Mort" (a taste for death) and smuggled the manuscript out for publication. In the book he claimed to have killed 15 people in France and Canada but later admitted it was exaggerated.

He is unlikely to face trial for the alleged killings in Canada as France refused to extradite its own nationals, officials said.

French press describe Mesrine as an intelligent man from a wealthy family who holds a degree in architecture.

Syria, China recognise Afghan regime

DAMASCUS, May 8 (AP). — China and Syria have recognised the new government in Afghanistan.

Syria became the first Arab nation today to extend full recognition to the leftist regime that seized power last month. Syria's radio said the recognition was contained in a message sent by Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam to his new Afghan counterpart.

China decided yesterday to accord recognition the new government, the radio press news service said today.

HORSE RACING results

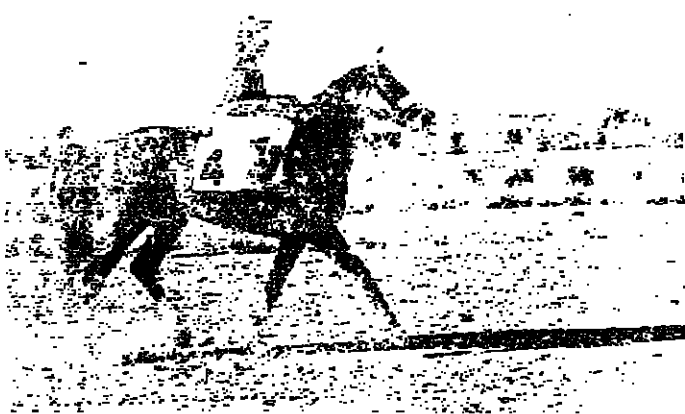


FIRST RACE

For local country horses beginners

Distance 1,400 metres

THE FIRST: GHARANDAL
Owner: Mamdouh El Hadid
Time: 1.45 minutes
THE SECOND: JARIH
Owner: Ghaleb Haddadin
THE THIRD: LOBA'AH
Owner: H.H. Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil
WIN: 200 fils — 1,400 fils
TWIN TOTE: 500 fils — JD 4.5

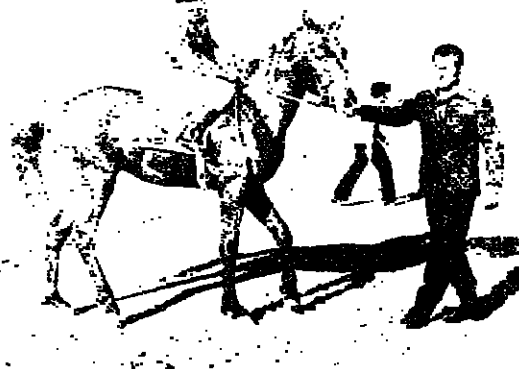


THIRD RACE

For beginner horses

Distance 1,600 metres

THE FIRST: RAJWIT NASIR
Owner: H.H. Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil
Time: 1.45 minutes
THE SECOND: NAGHAM
Owner: H.H. Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil
THE THIRD: ANEEF
Owner: Fuad M. Kamal
WIN: 200 fils — 300 fils
TWIN TOTE: 500 fils — 1,200 fils



FIFTH RACE

For third class horses

Distance 1,400 metres

THE FIRST: RABIHAH
Owner: H.H. Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil
THE SECOND: SINDAH
Owner: Ghaleb Haddadin
THE THIRD: ASHHAL
Owner: Sami Yacoub
WIN: 200 fils — 350 fils
TWIN TOTE: 500 fils — 2,500 fils



SECOND RACE

For local country horses third class

Distance 1,000 metres

THE FIRST: F. MAJID
Owner: Khaled El Adwan
Time: 1.15 minutes
THE SECOND: M. KHALED
Owner: Faisal El Foyez
THE THIRD: AZIZEH
Owner: Hani El Adwan
WIN: 200 fils — JD 2
TWIN TOTE: 500 fils — JD 19



FOURTH RACE

For beginner horses

Distance 1,400 metres

THE FIRST: APPOLO
Owner: Mousa Salamih
THE SECOND: NARIZ
Owner: H.H. Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil
THE THIRD: KIAD
Owner: Rashid Oudeh
WIN: 200 fils — 1,800 fils
TWIN TOTE: 500 fils — 800 fils



SIXTH RACE

For second class horses

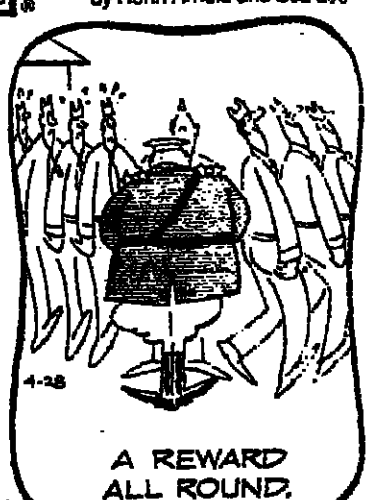
Distance 1,600 metres

THE FIRST: KHAILAN
Owner: H.H. Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil
THE SECOND: EL TAMRY
Owner: Mousa Salamih
THE THIRD: REEM
Owner: Tarik F. Ahmad
WIN: 200 fils — 1,100 fils
TWIN TOTE: 500 fils — JD 26
DOUBLE TOTE: 500 fils — JD 3

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ALUVE
BROAN
INBELB
REMUDE



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

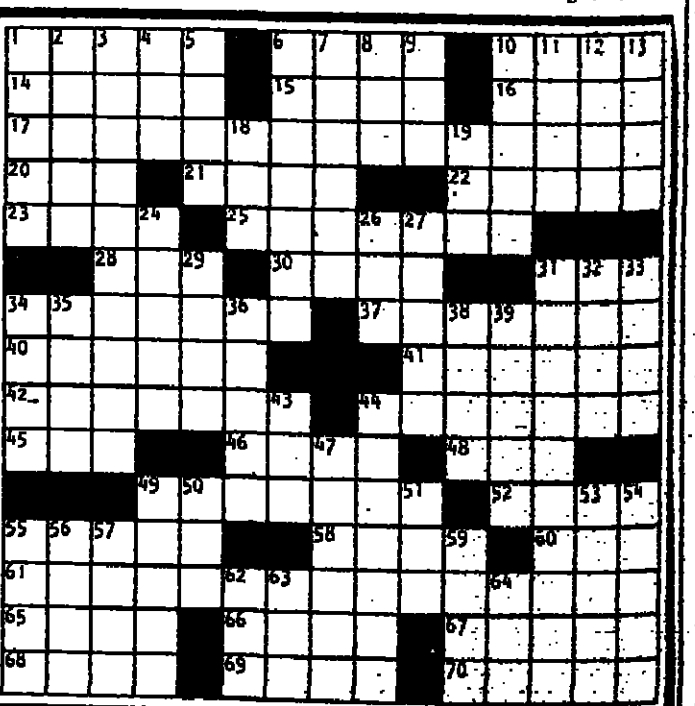
Print answer here: (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DECAY POKED CHROME MULISH
Answer: Could be the last word in dentistry — "OUCH"

THE Daily Crossword

by Ruth N. Schultz

ACROSS
1 Defame
6 Rajah's consort
10 Fabricate
14 Battle-ground
15 Urgently eager
16 Soaking
17 — bush (herming and hawing)
20 Can. prov.
21 Mil. unit
22 "of Two Cities"
23 Network of nerves
25 After egg and rug
28 "For — a jolly..."
30 Phoebe's
31 Alliance - acronym
34 Eng. poet
37 Bridge bit
40 Lurch
41 PLO leader
42 Bestowed
44 Abdominal problem
45 Cooking abbr.
46 Dinner
48 Wind dir.
49 Baby duds
52 In attendance
55 Shakespearean forest
58 D'Urbanville girl
60 A Franklin
61 Retiring in haste
65 Inclination
66 Cleveland's lake
67 Go away
68 Summer drinks
69 Place for ducks
70 Fish eater
DOWN
1 Economic group
2 Castle or Papas
3 Avoid the penalty
4 Within: comb. form
5 Hideout
6 — Ann
7 Embodiment
8 Pen tip
9 After words
10 Dilon and others
11 Charles' dog
12 Egyptian makeup
13 Fleuret
18 Beak
19 Mideast letters
24 One who sniggles
26 Plane velocity: abbr.
27 Lab heaters
29 Luge
31 Out of tempo
32 Winglike parts
33 Collections
34 Shoal
35 Turns to the left
36 Foe
38 Circle segment
39 Confidence
43 Letter
44 Modernized a dress
47 Secure
49 Natives of Riga
50 Blackbird
51 Comp. pt.
53 Plunder, old style
54 Arrive
55 — Eban
56 Oregon college
57 Hamlet, e.g.
59 WW II town
62 Fiber knot
63 Twelve dozen: abbr.
64 Not working: abbr.



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